

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars.

1. In the claims

As shown in the foregoing AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS, the claims have been amended to more clearly point out the subject matter for which protection is sought.

A. Claim amendments

Claim 23 is amended to include the indicated allowable subject matter of dependent claim 28. In particular, claim 23 is amended to recite that use is made of magnetic forces, each of which are provided by an attraction or a repulsion between two permanent magnets situated directly opposite to each other, one of which is in contact with a respective one of the set of the movable pressing parts. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added since the amendment merely merges the subject matter of previously presented claims.

Claim 24 is amended to refer to "the" magnetic forces in order to clarify that the magnetic forces recited in claim 24 are the same as those recited in claim 23.

Claim 25 is amended to remove reference to the step of fastening in order to clarify that the pressing and guiding steps occur at a location where bonding agent is applied against the corrugated material strip.

Claim 29 is amended to recite that the magnetic forces, as recited in claim 23, are at least also provided by a magnetic attraction between the support element and the pressing parts, through the corrugated material strip. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added, since support for the amendment is clearly found in Figs. 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7 of the pending application and at least on page 12, lines 9-14 of the accompanying description in the specification.

Claims 1-22, 27, and 31 remain canceled.

Claim 28 is canceled and the subject matter thereof incorporated into amended claim 23.

Claims 26 and 30 are left unchanged.

Claims 32-44 remain withdrawn.

Entry of the AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS is respectfully requested in the next Office communication.

B. Rejection of claims 24, 25, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph

Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested, in view of the amendments to claims 24 and 25 and the cancellation of claim 28, on the basis that amended claims 24 and 25 are clear and definite.

With respect to amended claim 24, as discussed above, claim 24 is amended to clarify that the recited magnetic forces are the same magnetic forces that are recited in claim 23. Thus, amended claim 24 is clear and definite.

With respect to claim 25, as discussed above, claim 25 is amended to clarify that the pressing and guiding steps occur at a location where bonding agent is applied against the corrugated material strip. Thus, amended claim 25 is clear and definite.

With respect to claim 28, the rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation thereof. In so far as the rejection may be applicable to amended claim 23, claim 23 recites that use is made of magnetic forces, each of which are provided by an attraction or a repulsion between two permanent magnets situated directly opposite to each other, one of which is in contact with a respective one of the set of the movable pressing parts. Amended claim 23 thus requires each magnetic force to be created by a system of two permanent magnets, one of which is in contact with a single movable pressing part, such that a magnetic force is associated with each pressing part. Amended claim 23 is therefore clear and definite.

In view of the amendments to claims 24 and 25, and the cancellation of claim 28, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested on the basis that amended claims 24 and 25 are clear and definite.

2. Rejection of claims 23-26, 29, and 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent no. 5,129,980 (*Sissons*) in view of U.S. patent no. 4,541,889 (*Held*) and further in view of U.S. patent no. 6,257,296 (*Pallas et al.*)

This rejection is rendered moot by the amendment to claim 23 to include the indicated allowable subject matter of claim 28.

Amended claim 23 recites the use of magnetic forces, each of which are provided by an attraction or a repulsion between two permanent magnets situated directly opposite to each other, one of which is in contact with a respective one of the set of the movable pressing parts.

As indicated in the Office action on page 5, the prior art of record, including the *Sissons*, *Held*, and *Pallas* patents, fail to disclose or suggest the use of magnetic forces, each of which are provided by an attraction or a repulsion between two permanent magnets situated directly opposite to each other, one of which is in contact with a respective one of the set of the movable pressing parts.

Accordingly, since none of the *Sissons*, *Held*, and *Pallas* patents discloses or suggests the use of magnetic forces, each of which are provided by an attraction or a repulsion between two permanent magnets situated directly opposite to each other, one of which is in contact with a respective one of the set of the movable pressing parts, as required by amended claim 23, the proposed combination of the *Sissons*, *Held*, and *Pallas* patents must also fail to disclose these features. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

As mentioned above, the applicant submits that independent claim 23 is patentable and therefore, claims 24-26, 29, and 30, which depend from claim 23, are

also considered to be patentable as containing all of the elements of claim 23, as well as for their respective recited features.

3. Allowable subject matter

The applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter in dependent claim 28. Accordingly, claim 28 has been canceled and the subject matter thereof incorporated into amended claim 23. In view of this amendment to claim 23, claims 23-26, 29, and 30 are allowable.

4. Conclusion

As a result of the amendment to the claims, and further in view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that every pending claim in the present application be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicant's attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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